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SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL: SELECTION OF UN BUDGET DIRECTOR

1. DURING CONVERSATION JUNE 23 MISOFF ASKED USYG FOR ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT DAVIDSON CURRENT STATUS OF APPOINTMENT OF NEW UN BUDGET DIRECTOR. DAVIDSON SAID SYG CONTINUES TO SEEK "MIRACULOUS SOLUTION", AND DAVIDSON CONTINUES TO ADVISE HIM NONE IS POSSIBLE. DAVIDSON SAID PART OF PROBLEM IS THAT UN CONTROLLER DEBATIN DECLINES TO COMMIT HIMSELF ON FRENCH CANDIDATE. DAVIDSON SAID SYG HAD NOTICED THIS AND COMMENTED THAT IN LAST SESSION WITH FRENCH PERMREP LEPRETTE ON SUBJECT DAVIDSON HAD CARRIED THE BRUNT OF ARGUMENT AGAINST APPOINTMENT OF FRENCH NOMINEE. DEBATIN, BY CONTRAST, HAS REFRAINED FROM MEETING LEPRETTE HEAD ON OVER NOMINEE'S LACK OF QUALIFICATIONS. ACCORDING TO DAVIDSON, WALDHEIM SAID HE SHOULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE A MEMO FROM DEBATIN ON FRENCH NOMINATION COMPARABLE TO THAT WHICH DAVIDSON HAS SENT HIM. DAVIDSON SAID HE
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TOOK WALDHEIM'S REMARK TO MEAN THAT SHOULD HE RECEIVE A CATEGORICAL RECOMMENDATION AGAINST APPOINTMENT OF FRENCH NOMINEE, SIMILAR TO THAT SENT HIM BY DAVIDSON, WALDHEIM THEN WOULD TELL FRENCH THAT HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO TURN DOWN FRENCH NOMINEE.

2. DAVIDSON SAID HE HAD TOLD WALDHEIM OF SECRETARIAT'S

IMPRESSION THAT QUAI D'ORSAY IS NOT FIRMLY BEHIND FRENCH
NOMINEE AND THAT THIS CANDIDATE IS IN TRUTH CANDIDATE
OF FORMER UN BUDGET DIRECTOR PIERRE LAVAU. DAVIDSON
SAID WALDHEIM'S ASSESSMENT IS COMPLETELY THE OPPOSITE.
WALDHEIM SAYS HE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH FRENCH FOREIGN
MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD RECENTLY AND FOUND HIM UNBENDING
AND FIRM IN SUPPORT OF CURRENT FRENCH CANDIDATE.

3. DAVIDSON SAID THE SITUATION IN UN BUDGET
DIVISION IS BECOMING INTOLERABLE. MORALE IS EXTREMELY
BAD. ACTING DIRECTOR THERON (SOUTH AFRICA, D-1)
THOUGH ENTIRELY QUALIFIED TO MANAGE DIVISION IS NOT IN
POSITION TO EXERCISE SUASION THAT A PERMANENT, RECOGNIZED
DIRECTOR COULD. LEONARD

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